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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL CONDEMNS SOLZHENITSYN AND WESTERN MEDIA

REF: A. SOFIA 0024; B. WARSAW 0143

1. IN LEAD EDITORIAL ENTITLED "POLITICAL BLACKMAIL FOR DIRTY PURPOSES" RABOTNICHESKO DELO JANUARY 11 CONTINUED ATTACK ON SOLZHENITSYN AND WESTERN MEDIA WHO USE "GULAG ARCHIPELAGO AS EXCUSE TO LAUNCH NEW SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USSR". OTHER CENTRAL DAILIES CARRY ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY BASED PRIMARILY ON TASS REPORT OF "TYBUNA LUDU" STORY (REF B).

2. RABOTNICHESKO DELO ARTICLE IS IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS COMMENTARY IN FOCUSING ATTACKS AS MUCH ON WESTERN MEDIA AND "REACTIONARY CIRCLES" AS ON SOLZHENITSYN HIMSELF. ONE INTERESTING PARAGRAPH, HOWEVER, REFUTES ARGUMENTS IN WEST THAT SOLZHENITSYN IS IN DANGER. "FEELING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ABSURDITY OF HIS MISCONDUCT, AFTER EACH NES

SLANDER SOLZHENITYSN IMMEDIATELY TAKES THE ROLE OF  
A HERO, CALLING TO THE WORLD 'NOT TO ABANDON HIM IN  
HIS RISKY POSITION.' OF COURSE TRUE INTELLECTUALS  
AND RIGHT-THINKING PEOPLE IN THE WEST KNOW HOW SLANDEROUS  
THESE STATEMENTS OF HIS ARE ABOUT SOVIET REALITIES".  
REMAINDER OF EDITORIAL IS NOT PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY.

3. COMMENT: THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THESE ATTACKS  
SEEMS TO BE TO INCREASE PEOPLES' CURIOSITY ON WHAT  
EXACTLY SOLZHENITSYN HAS NOW REVEALED. TWO EAST  
EUROPEANS (NON-BULGARIAN) HAVE CASUALLY ASKED EMBOFF  
FOR COPIES OF RECENT NEWSWEEK TO FIND OUT WHAT SUBSTANCE  
OF BOOK IS ALL ABOUT. PRESUMABLY BULGARIANS, TOO, WILL  
BECOME MORE CURIOUS AS ATTACKS CONTINUE.  
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